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Ms. Anna Davis
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Dear Ms. Davis:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Darlee McCollum of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar United States Senator

RGL/dma Enclosure

Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

From:

Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2004 10:39 AM

To: Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

Subject: "DO NOT CALL REGISTRY"

Dear Senator Lugar:

The Federal Trade Commission is considering opening a loophole in the national "Do Not Call Registry" that would allow companies to deliver prerecorded telemarketing messages to American homes. The result is expected to be a bombardment of unwanted marketing messages into our homes via the telephone.

Please take appropriate action to assure that this does not happen. Such calls are an invasion of an individual's privacy. The "Do Not Call Registry" is working very well and its intent should not be subverted.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth W. Krasavage

Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

From:

Tom Malapit:

Sent:

Saturday, November 27, 2004 5:27 PM

To:

Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

Subject: Trade Regulation Rule on Telemarketing Sales

Dear Senator Lugar, the front of today's Muncie newspaper had an article on the Federal Trade Commissions proposal to change rules on our National No Call List protection. The proposal, Docket Id: RIN 3084-0098 would amend the rules to allow telemarketers to use prerecorded messages to contact us by phone. Even though our phone numbers have been on the National No Call List and Indiana Governors No Call List, we still get some marketers. If this proposal is allowed to go through, we will receive unwanted calls from machines! This is an insult and invasion of our home. Please vote no to this proposal or voice your disapproval to the Federal Trade Commission. Thank you, Tom Malapit

Senator (Lugar)

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Laurie Coby:

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Monday, November 29, 2004 12:52 PM

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Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

Subject:

Stop the FTC from allowing telemarketers to make prerecorded calls to our homes

November 29, 2004

Senator Richard Lugar 306 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Richard Lugar,

Dear Member of Congress:

I strongly urge you to stop the Federal Trade Commission from allowing companies to place prerecorded telemarketing calls.

On Nov. 12, the FTC announced a proposed rulemaking (RIN: 3084-0098) which would establish a huge new loophole for telemarketers to evade the National Do Not Call Registry.

According to the FTC's new proposed rule -- even if you have signed up for the National Do Not Call Registry -- a company could make prerecorded robo calls to your home if you have an "established business relationship" - meaning that you bought something from a company during the last 18 months, or inquired about their products during the last three months.

I ask you to protect the peace and quiet of my home and the homes of millions of other Americans who detest commercial telemarketing calls. Please submit comments to the FTC in opposition to its proposed rule on prerecorded telemarketing calls, and take all other appropriate action to stop the FTC from implementing this proposed rule.

Sincerely

Laurie Coby